

row, Morrow, Shores, Ladd, Pigott, Theo. Gibson; the Misses Helen Parker, Hawkins, Fern Shores, Minnie Shores, Hattie Chown, Ladd, Hultison, and Messrs. Dickinson, Scott, Webster, Morrow, Ladd, Pigott, S. E. Atkinson, Dickerman, Kelly, Theo. Gibson, Townsend, McNair and W. Webster.

The old soldiers are making extensive arrangements to observe Decoration day. As usual, the school children will be invited to take part in the exercises and the event promises to be even more interesting than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Young are now "at home" at No. 115 Eleventh street, south.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Quail and B. A. Robertson of Sun River spent several days in town this week and reviewed the grand parade.

Dr. and Mrs. Gordon left Monday for Galveston, Texas. The doctor is a delegate to the national convention of Railway surgeons, which meets in that city next week. After the convention they will go to Mobile, Ala., to visit relations for a few weeks.

Tuesday evening the Ladies' Industrial society of the Methodist church entertained friends with a May day social. A large number were present and a pleasant programme rendered.

R. B. Cockrill returned Monday from a trip of several weeks in the South.

E. A. Logan and John Graham, passenger conductors on the Kalispel division of the Great Northern railway, spent several days in Great Falls during the week and were conspicuous in the grand parade of Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dobson, Miss Edwards, Mrs. Brant, Mrs. John Largent, Miss Ella Largent, Mrs. H. B. Strong and Mrs. A. Robertson, all of Sun River, are guests of friends in town this week.

Mrs. R. L. Martin left for her home in Chicago Thursday afternoon after spending several months with relatives in the city.

City Treasurer Frary assumes his official duties to-morrow, and Acting Treasurer Hill has all the finances in shape to turn over the office in good condition.

Sheriff Al Hamilton, accompanied by his accomplished daughter, Miss Ella, left for their home at Choteau Thursday night after spending several weeks with friends in different portions of the state.

Tuesday evening there was a grand calico ball at Realty block and about 50 couples were present. During the evening news was received that the strike was over and many of those present, including some of the fairer sex, turned out and raised the marching column that had been hastily formed to celebrate the termination of the struggle.

Miss Lulu Armstrong and Miss Fannie Cockrill returned Monday last from a month's visit on the Armstrong farm, where the young ladies have been rusticiating.

"Where is the 'Lake of Pitch'?" proved rather a vexatious question to a number of candidates for teachers' certificates a few days since. And the question has not yet been answered by anyone except Professor Morrison, who claims to know, but says he "is not at liberty to answer."

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF MISSOULA.

MISSOULA, May 5.—What with the exquisite performance of the Orville Musin Concert company, the giddy mazes of the "Black Crook" and the profundities of

Kentucky's eminent editor, Henry Waterson, everybody has had an opportunity to be satisfied with the amusements and entertainments offered this week in Missoula. None of the audiences have been large, however, and one of the local papers and the opera house manager are trying to decide which is to blame for the small turnouts at these three entertainments, each of which was at the top of the list in its own class. Certainly no better performance was ever given in the city than the concert of the Musin company and never did more enthusiastic applause echo within the barnlike walls of the opera house than that which greeted the gyrations of the "Black Crook" fairies in their intricate evolutions and mystic mazes. Waterson's audience was attentive and appreciative and the famous Kentuckian had reason to feel gratified over his reception here. But the audiences were not large, and enthusiasm doesn't count for much at the box office of a one night stand. Missoula seems to be losing its reputation as a good show town, and the need of a fine opera house is more and more apparent.

For those whose tastes were not satisfied by the variety of entertainment offered at the opera house the fair given by the ladies of the Baptist church offered gratification of another sort—and for that matter, there were many who attended all of the former amusements, who found ample enjoyment at the church entertainment here. It was a well arranged affair, replete with pleasant surprises and devoid of many of the pitfalls which usually beset the unwary visitor at the church fair. The display of fancy goods for sale was excellent and the programme which was presented was unusually good. The music was better than was expected and the recitations were invariably good. The musical programme was as follows:

Quartet..... Selected
Mrs. Harburt, Miss Hathaway, Messrs. Barnicot and Juvis.
Piano duet..... Selected
Misses Marion and Madge Scarborough.
Vocal solo..... Selected
Miss Edith Power.
Piano solo..... Selected
Henry Amiraux.
Male quartet.....
Messrs. Lyon, Hamilton, Salsman and Davis.
Piano solo..... Selected
Mrs. Hamilton.

But the greatest attraction of the fair was the "Silhouette Art Gallery," where many of the victims of the shadow artist fainted and were with difficulty restored when they saw their profiles reproduced in black and white. Lou Lyon officiated as artist during the first evening and it is asserted that he paid off many an old grudge which he owed to some of his sitters. Be that as it may, some of the most beautiful of Missoula's young ladies, whose profiles are as regular and attractive as that of a Grecian statue, found when their alleged likenesses were presented to them that their noses had been tilted up or drawn down or that their chins had been crooked up until they resembled Meg Merrilies or the old time Mother Goose. One young lady demanded another sitting and called in her big brother to oversee the job. The artist's hand trembled a little during this performance, but he produced a splendid likeness and escaped with his life. It was a noticeable feature of the second evening of the fair that there was a new artist in the shadow gallery.

The organization of the New England club was perfected Wednesday evening

at a meeting in the parlors of the Florence hotel and the new organization starts off with about 20 members. Its object, as stated last week, is purely social and the membership of the club is limited to natives of the New England states. The first regular meeting of the club will be held at the residence of Mrs. George F. Brooks, in the Union block, Tuesday evening. The officers of the club are: President, Arthur L. Stone; vice president, George F. Brooks; secretary, C. E. Giffin; treasurer, Fred Low. The executive committee is composed of Dr. Robinson, Lou Lyon, Mrs. George F. Brooks, Mrs. Fred Low and Mrs. C. F. Davis.

Those who appreciate good music and who have enjoyed the delightful performances of Steele & Meich's orchestra this winter, will learn with regret that Con Meich, the solo violinist and director of that organization, contemplates leaving the city next week to take up his residence in Great Falls, where he has been engaged to lead an orchestra. Mr. Meich is one of the most accomplished performers upon the violin in the Northwest and his ability as a leader is indisputable. His departure will cause a serious loss to the musical features of Garden City social life.

The rehearsals for the Chimes of Normandy are progressing finely. The cast has been filled, with a single exception, and this week has witnessed a decided advancement in the performance of the opera.

Miss Straughn will probably remain for several weeks in Helena during the absence of Mrs. McConnell in California.

J. W. Hamilton has spent the greater portion of the week in town.

Hon. R. G. Humber's portly form has been seen in Missoula this week.

County Treasurer Bailey is entertaining as his guest his daughter, Mrs. E. J. Owenhouse, who will spend the summer months in Missoula.

Mrs. J. M. Price of Hope has been visiting friends in this city this week.

City Attorney Nicolas returned Sunday from a trip to Anaconda.

Hon. T. C. Marshall spent the early part of the week in Helena on legal business.

Charles E. Bonner returned from the east with his father and will spend the summer in Missoula.

Messrs. John Lynch and Nep Lynch, jr., were guests at the Rankin house Monday and Tuesday.

E. H. Wilson, the civil engineer, of Butte, spent two days in Missoula this week.

Hon. William H. Scallan of Butte registered at the Florence Monday, en route from the Bitter Root to his home.

P. B. Clark of Helena was among the numerous representatives of the temporary capital who have enjoyed Missoula's climate this week.

Miss Nellie Page and Mrs. Uhl of Hamilton spent two days in Missoula this week.

Harry Sommers of the Bell Telephone company is at the Florence.

E. E. Hackett and family of St. Paul are visitors in the Garden City.

Mrs. Nellie Wilson, Edith Wilson, Minnie Spurgin, Amelia Lofness, Josie Stephens and Henry Amiraux received teachers' certificates as a result of last week's examination.

Mrs. E. Kendall, Mrs. T. H. Irvine and Mrs. J. C. Lynch of Hamilton, came down the valley Thursday evening and registered at the Kennedy.

LIFE IN LIVINGSTON.

LIVINGSTON, May 4.—The Baptist church was well filled Thursday night, the occasion being a reception tendered to the pastor, Rev. J. A. Jenkins, and his estimable wife. Words of welcome were spoken by Miss Fannie George, after which an interesting literary and musical programme was presented, consisting of cornet duets by Messrs. Graham and Boyce, an admirably rendered recitation by Miss Joey Penn, Livingston's talented and favorite elocutionist, reading by Mrs. G. H. Grace, vocal duet by Misses Byrd and Ralf, select reading by John Everett, vocal solo by Miss Cooke, and a song by the Livingston Male quartette, composed of Messrs. Ayers, Weitzstein, Grace and Ayers. The reception terminated with a light banquet of ice cream, cake and other delicacies.

Committees were appointed this evening by the Rocky Mountain club to arrange for a grand ball to be given by that organization at Hefflerin opera house on the evening of May 22.

The Good Templar lodge of this city conducted public installation ceremonies at their lodge rooms this evening, followed by a splendid literary and musical programme and a banquet. The officers installed were: E. Cully, chief templar; Mrs. George Geer, vice templar; Arthur Davis, past chief templar; H. A. Miller, recording secretary; E. A. Cornwell, financial secretary; S. C. Pierce, chaplain; Miss Martha Ash, treasurer; Mark Conrow, marshal; Alva Davis, guard; Gus Dederick, sentinel.

At the meeting of the Yellowstone club, held at the residence of Mrs. F. A. Scheuber last Monday evening, Mrs. John T. Smith was elected secretary, vice Miss Anna McDermott, resigned. At the next weekly meeting of the club Mrs. Glenn will read a paper entitled, "Inspiration of Fiction."

The Roland Reed company presented "Innocent as a Lamb" to a large audience at Hefflerin's opera house Friday evening. The play is replete with amusing situations, wherein Mr. Reed appeared in the role of an eccentric comedian. After the performance the male members of the troupe were tendered a magnificent reception at Wetzstein's club rooms by the Livingston order of Elks.

The Ladies' guild will meet next Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. D. A. McCaw.

The Junior league of the Methodist church will give an entertainment at that house of worship next Tuesday evening.

P. T. Gilboy, formerly of the firm of Parks & Gilboy, has returned from Salt Lake City and will assume the management of the railroad store to be opened in Livingston by the Cooperative Mercantile association.

Attorney Sydney Fox returned Friday from Red Lodge and a trip to the Clark's Fork placer diggings.

Miss Tessie Healy of Manhattan is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Hogan of this city.

Mrs. Fred Mjelde, nee Miss Jota Hunter, has gone to Big Timber to reside.

Professor Louis Kumm spent Saturday in Bozeman.

Mrs. George Davis and sister, Miss May Keeler, departed the first of the week on a three months' visit with their mother at Farmington, Minn.

Hon. E. C. Day has been in San Fran-

cisco the past week in attendance upon the United States circuit court of appeals as attorney for the defendant in the case Custer county vs. W. J. Anderson of this city.

Rev. John Oxley, known as "Nervy Jim," the Salvation army evangelist, has been spending the week in Livingston.

Herman Kahle and J. W. Nelson of upper Yellowstone fame, were in the city Wednesday.

Major Frank Beley spent Wednesday in Timberline on business connected with the Livingston bottling works.

Attorneys A. G. Hatch and A. P. McAnelly were up from Big Timber the first of the week.

W. W. Humphrey of the Park Transportation company spent the week in the city.

Stock Detective W. D. Smith was up from Miles City on Monday.

Dr. Portius Baxter, formerly of this city, but now stationed at the Crow agency, spent Sunday with Livingston friends.

George W. Wakefield, one of the progressive and wide-awake citizens of Bozeman, spent Saturday in the metropolis of Park county.

A. H. Harsay, the genial and gifted correspondent of the STANDARD, has gone to Helena to reside.

L. A. West has gone to Colorado Springs to take up his permanent residence, having closed his jewelry establishment in this city.

J. D. Morris arrived in the city from Illinois Wednesday for the purpose of reopening the Park cafe.

District Clerk J. A. Bailey was in Bozeman Friday on land office business.

The Misses Fox of Red Lodge accompanied their brother, Attorney Fox, to Livingston Friday and will visit in the city for a few days.

Mrs. J. A. Henley and children returned Thursday from a four months' visit with Indiana relatives.

C. W. Savage, the popular manager of the Macqueen hotel at Miles City, arrived in the city Friday.

Ex-County Commissioner H. J. Hoppe, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Williams, arrived in the city from Cinnabar Monday and spent the week at the Albermarle.

Mrs. H. J. Wright has gone to Sioux Falls, Dak., on a visit.

Mrs. Thirza Grannis and daughter, Hazel, returned Wednesday from a winter's visit in the East.

Ben Cornhauser, of the firm of Roth & Cornhauser, was in Columbus Wednesday on business.

Mayor Foster of Billings spent Thursday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wood spent Sunday with Missoula friends.

Mrs. W. C. Cutler of Helena is visiting with her sister, Mrs. J. F. Mercer of this city.

Mrs. Walter Towne has gone on a two months' visit with eastern relatives.

Mrs. C. B. Mendenhall of Hunter's Hot Springs spent Monday in the city.

Mrs. J. D. Brandenburg returned the past week from a visit with Miles City friends.

Alderman John Harvey spent a day in Bozeman this week on business.

Dispatcher Frank Elliott returned Thursday from a brief visit to Butte.

Col. E. Lamartine left for the National park Thursday morning to enter upon the

discharge of his duties as quartermaster of the engineering department and general overseer of all government road work.

Louis Weigel returned Saturday from a short sojourn at Hunter's Hot Springs.

Mrs. J. S. Jeays and children returned Monday from a visit with St. Paul relatives.

Mrs. James Fanning departed Sunday on a visit with her brother in New York.

Senator T. P. Cullen of Dawson county was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. T. B. Slowman has returned from a visit with Minnesota relatives.

A CRY OF DESPAIR FROM SIBERIA.

A Russian Exile Depicts the Miseries of the Czar's Political Prisoners.

A Russian political prisoner in exile in Siberia wrote to a friend in European Russia depicting the miseries of his life in "this forgotten and God-forsaken arctic den, beyond the boundaries of civilization." The letter, which is published in the current number of *Free Russia* (American edition), took six months in running the gauntlet of the czar's argus-eyed officials. It is dated June 1893, at Kolymsk, a Siberian town of 600 inhabitants located far to the north.

"During the first period of my life here," writes the exile, "I thought it would be an interesting work to send to my friends more or less detailed accounts of the peculiar conditions of life into which we, a handful of Europeans, have suddenly been thrown—conditions to which we are as unfit to adapt ourselves as a little body of civilized travelers, shipwrecked on the coast of Greenland, would be to arrange their lives in accordance with the habits and circumstances of the native Esquimaux. But most of my manuscripts never reached the persons to whom they were sent, and now even the desire to write them is gone. My own amazement at the extraordinary surroundings here has grown fainter and fainter.

"Life in Kolymsk sucks every one down into itself. It seems to me now like a far off dream that somewhere in the world there are big towns, filled with people, with large shops, with houses in several stories, with pavements on which great crowds of people go to and fro; that there are lands where the rivers begin to flow in February and do not freeze till November; where, instead of snow covered swamps there are fields with thick, standing corn and grass; lands where there are woods and gardens, with green leaves on the trees, where the people live on bread and varied vegetable food.

"For us reality consists of a perpetually frozen desert covered with little hillocks and overgrown with stunted larches, which can hardly force their roots through the eternally frozen soil; a cold and filthy yurt, hardly fit to be called a human habitation, even by people accustomed to the poverty-stricken cabins of the Russian peasantry; for food, rotting fish; for clothing, such rags as are left of our European dress and rough native garments of half-cured skins; for the rest, solitude, silence and lifelessness. I think the ghosts that wandered mournfully along the banks of Acheron, lamenting aloud for their lost earthly life, must have felt what we feel, dragging out our lives alone on the banks of the River Kolymsk. The utter lack of all aim or interest, forgetfulness of the past and indifference to the present are steadily taking hold upon us all."

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